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Defective Appeal Brief

This is to inform the Appellant that summary contained in the Appeal Brief dated 11-27-2000 (paper 19 ) does not conform to 37 C.F.R 1.192 ( c ) (5) (2000). Appellant is required to submit new summary. Please note the following for preparing the new summary: An appeal brief shall contain "(a) concise explanation of the invention defined in the claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any by reference characters." 37 C.F.R 1.192 ( c ) (5) (2000). "[R]eference to page and line number of the specification ... is considered important to enable the Board to more quickly determine where the claimed subject matter is described in the application." M.P.E.P 1206.

Here, the Summary of Invention section of the appellants' brief, (Appeal Br. at 2-3), does not read the claims on the specification and drawings. We decline to substitute speculation about where the claimed subject matter is described in the application for the greater certainty that should come from appellants in a more specific summary of the invention. Instead, the appellants should read each of the separately argued claims on their specification and drawings. In particular, a mapping of each of the claimed limitations to specific pages and lines of specification and reference characters of the drawings is needed for meaningful review.

Appellant is given 1 month period to cure the defect(s).

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